

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Fig. 5 is corrected, claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 are amended, claims 3, 7 and 10 are canceled and new claim 11 is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 3, 4 and 7-10 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the title of the invention. The title is amended to obviate this objection.

Applicants submit that an Abstract was filed with the June 20, 2002 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. However, for the sake of the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Abstract is attached hereto.

II. Drawings Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to Fig. 5. Fig. 5 is corrected to obviate this objection.

III. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 6 under U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,122,376 to Mera et al. and claims 5 and 6 under U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,990,615 to Sakaguchi et al. These rejections are moot.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10.

New claim 11 recites a method of making an electronic apparatus comprising assembling a case having various components and then incorporating the case into the electronic apparatus.

As discussed in the specification at e.g. paragraph 19 wherein the transparent member and a luminescent panel are formed and then incorporated into an electronic apparatus separately, the method of the present invention assembles the transparent member and luminescent panel prior to incorporation into the electronic apparatus thus reducing the number of steps required for assembly.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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